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Sir:

Enclosed please find an application for United States patent as identified below:

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<u>Title</u>: CELLULOSE FIBERS HAVING LOW WATER RETENTION VALUE AND LOW CAPILLARY DESORPTION PRESSURE

including the items indicated:

- 1. Specification (45 Pages), 138 claims (7 independent, 131 dependent) (16 Pages), and Abstract (1 Page); and
- 3. Unsigned Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.215(b), please print the following assignment information on the face of the published application:

Assignee: BKI HOLDING CORPORATION Wilmington, Delaware

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Serial No. <u>60/247,078</u>, filed <u>November 10, 2000</u>, and U.S. Serial No. <u>60/286,298</u>, filed <u>April 25, 2001</u>.

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